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FOR ADMIRAL MC CAIN FROM ADMIRAL MOORER

DELIVER UPON RECEIPT

SUBJ: MAXIMUM AIR EFFORT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

1. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO LAY ON MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SORTIES AVAILABLE IN A SURGE EFFORT AGAINST TARGETS DIRECTLY IN SUPPORT OF THE LAND BATTLE.

2. MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND SORTIES *per day* IN YOUR TOTAL AIR EFFORT.

3. ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND DESIGNATION OF TARGETS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAND BATTLE AND SUPPORT THEREOF IN ADJACENT AREAS AS SPECIFIED BY COMUSMACV.

4. CONTINUE THIS EFFORT THROUGH TUESDAY, 2 MAY, SAIGON TIME.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

JCS review completed.

ADM T.H. MOORER USN CJCS 79121 DFB

IMMEDIATE T O P S E C R E T NOFORN
FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO: HENRY KISSINGER (EYES ONLY)
INFO: GENERAL HAIG (EYES ONLY)

1. THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SORTIES MUST BE FLOWN FROM NOW THRU TUESDAY.
2. ABRAMS TO DETERMINE TARGETS.
3. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE 1,000 SORTIES PER DAY.
4. THIS WILL HAVE MAXIMUM PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON YOUR HOSTS TUESDAY.
5. GIVE ME REPORT SOONEST BY MESSAGE AS TO HOW THIS ORDER IS BEING SPECIFICALLY EXECUTED.
6. THERE ARE TO BE NO EXCUSES AND THERE IS NO APPEAL.

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April 28, 1972

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*
REFERENCE: LDX 088, 282215Z

Admiral Moorer has dispatched an execute message to General Abrams to insure that the provisions of your message to me are totally complied with through Tuesday.

General Abrams has been given complete control for the targeting of the maximum air effort in such a way as to inflict maximum damage on North Vietnamese forces.

Warm regards.

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